

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-88 are canceled. Claims 89-108 and 121-125 have been withdrawn. Claims 109-120, 126 and 127 are pending. Claims 109-113, 115-119, 126 and 127 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 109-120 and 126 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 109-120 and 126 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter with applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 126 and 127 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 126 and 127 have been amended to specifically indicate that they are directed to a computerized method, as supported by the specification of the present application. For example, the specification describes the claimed functionality as part of process 500 implemented in software (see pages 21-22 of the specification).

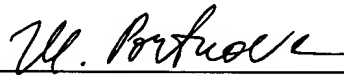
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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